

**WOMEN'S GIVING CIRCLE—A FUND OF THE MARSHFIELD AREA
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

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GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT – REQUEST FOR GRANT PROPOSALS - 2009

The Women's Giving Circle is now accepting grant applications through the Marshfield Area Community Foundation.

The mission of the Women's Giving Circle is to raise money and distribute contributions in the form of annual grants to projects that improve life for women and children in the Marshfield area. Grants awarded will range from \$500 to \$1,000. Applicants must be qualified as IRS 501(c)(3) not-for-profit or be classified as a governmental, educational, or religious charitable organization.

Proposals must address the needs of women and/or children in the Marshfield service area which is defined as an area roughly bounded by Neillsville to the west, Withee to the northwest, Abbotsford to the north, Stratford and Rozellville to the northeast, Milladore to the east, and Arpin to the south. Proposals may not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, or religion.

The focus of the Women's Giving Circle grant initiatives may include, but are not limited to: Women's Issues, Women/Teen/Children's Health, Parenting Skills, Child Abuse, Housing/Homelessness, Economic Independence, Marketable Skills/Job Training, Literacy, Prevention of Violence and Abuse, Assisting Low-Income Women with Children. Careful consideration will be given to the applicant's mission statement and proposed use of volunteer involvement. The applicant should establish measurable goals and have an evaluation process for reviewing and promoting best practices, encourage cooperation among agencies without duplicating services, and demonstrate collaborative funding with other community resources. The applicant should also demonstrate how the positive outcomes of the program would be sustained.

The members of the Women's Giving Circle will evaluate all proposals and submit recommendations to the Marshfield Area Community Foundation Board of Trustees at the September Board meeting. Funding announcements will be made in October.

All applicants must complete an application form and submit the required additional documentation no later than August 15, 2008. For additional information and/or application materials please contact Amber Kiggens-Leifheit, Executive Director, Marshfield Area Community Foundation, 384-9029, macf@marshfieldareacommunityfoundation.org or visit website: www.marshfieldareacommunityfoundation.com.